

TOWN OF MORRISTOWN
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER:

President David Benefiel called the meeting to order at 7 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was given. All council members present. Minutes of the February 22, 2012 meeting were presented. Council Member Ralph Henderson made a motion to approve minutes as presented. Council Member Mike Freeman seconded the motion. 3 yeas, 0 no's Clerk-Treasurer, Don Roberts informed the council that he had forgotten to print the claim register.

II. NEW LEGAL COUNCIL:

Council Member Mike Freeman made a motion to hire Mark McNeely as the new legal council for the Town of Morristown. Council Member Ralph Henderson seconded the motion. 3 yeas 0 no's A copy of the contract is made a part of these minutes.

III. BUNGE GRAIN:

Mr. Ray from Bunge Grain Division was inquiring about the covenants that have been in process between the two legal councils for almost a year. Council members stated that the legal council for Morristown will check on status and get back with the council.

IV: FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Morristown Fire Chief Steve Davis was in attendance requesting that the Town of Morristown pass an ordinance requiring that a Rapid Access System be installed in all new construction and on a volunteer bases for existing construction. After discussion Council Member Mike Freeman made a motion to approve the request. Council Member Ralph Henderson seconded the motion. 3 yeas 0 no's

V: STATUS OF OLD CANNING FACTORY:

Mr. Larry Tracy from the Morristown Plan Commission was in attendance to find out the demolition status of the old Morristown Canning Company building located behind the town building. After considerable discussion among the council and audience, council member Ralph Henderson made a motion to issue a (STOP WORK ORDER) for the building. Council Member Mike Freeman seconded the motion 3 yeas 0 no's

VI: IACT MEDICAL INSURANCE:

Council Member Mike Freeman made a motion to have the Clerk-Treasurer proceed with IACT medical insurance to see what the cost will be. Council Member Henderson seconded the motion. 3 yeas 0 no's It is hoped a decision may be made within 30 days.

VII: RACINO FUNDS:

Clerk-Treasurer Don Roberts passed out a copy of the Indiana State Statue dealing with Racino Funds and the uses of those funds. Council Member Mike Freeman made motion to put on hold all requests for Racino Funds until after the lagoon cleaning is finished. Council Member Ralph Henderson seconded the motion. 3 yeas 0 no's

VIII: REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

President David Benefiel stated that Nathan Arnold had resigned from the Morristown Redevelopment Commission. President Benefiel stated that Mr. William White would be willing to serve as a member of the Morristown Redevelopment Commission. President Benefiel made a motion to appoint William White on the Morristown Redevelopment Commission replacing Nathan Arnold. Council Member Ralph Henderson seconded the motion. 3 yeas 0 no's

IX: WARNING SIRENS:

A discussion took place concerning an additional warning siren somewhere in the Morristown Industrial Park area. There was also a discussion concerning the WINDS SYSTEM. No decision was made at this time.

X: ANNUAL AND DEBT REPORT:

Clerk-Treasurer Don Roberts passed out copies of the Annual and Debt reports filed with the State Board of Accounts and Department of Local Government Finance. The Clerk-Treasurer informed the council that the Annual Report was filed on time but the Debt Report was one week late.

XI: TOUR OF NEW WASTEWATER PLANT:

Caleb Osborne asked if he could host the Southern Indiana Wastewater Operators to a tour of the new Morristown Wastewater Treatment Plant. Council Members gave a nod of approval. Caleb Osborne stated that we need a new push lawn mower and that he had a quote from Smith Implement in Rushville, Indiana for \$324.53. After discussion Council Member Mike Freeman stated that he would like to do business in Shelby County and made a motion to purchase a push lawn mower but not to exceed \$350.00. Council Member Ralph Henderson seconded the motion. 3 yeas 0 no's

XII: ELECTED OFFICIALS:

The question was asked if elected officials can serve on more than one board. Legal Council Mark McNeely will check into this.

XIII: EMERGENCY PLAN:

An emergency plan was discussed and does Morristown need one. The council plans to have Mike Schantz at next meeting.

XIV: NINE STAR:

Clerk-Treasurer Don Roberts asked permission to move forward with NINE-STAR. Council Member Ralph Henderson made motion to move forward with Nine Star Communication. Council Member David Benefiel seconded the motion. 3 yeas 0 no's

XV: MEETING CANCELLATION:

Council Members decided to cancel the April 11, 2012 meeting due to conflict with the Morristown Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet.

XVI: MEETING ADJOURNED:

Council Member Mike Freeman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Ralph Henderson seconded the motion. 3 yeas 0 no's

President, David Benefiel

Clerk-Treasurer, Don Roberts